

Remarks:

Applicant has read and considered the Office Action dated May 28, 2008 and the references cited therein. Claims 1-6 and 15-17 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 7-14 are currently pending. Reconsideration and reexamination are hereby requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1-6 and 15-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chen et al. in view of Zeng et al. Although Applicant does not acquiesce in the rejection, claims 1-6 and 15-17 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant asserts that the rejection is moot and should be withdrawn.

Claims 7-14 were allowed. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of the allowance of these claims.

As the only claims remaining have been allowed, Applicant asserts that the application is in condition for allowance.

A speedy and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is hereby solicited. If the Examiner feels that a telephone interview may be helpful in this matter, please contact Applicant's representative at (612) 336-4728.

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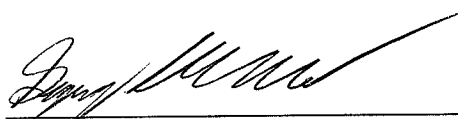
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